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SUBJECT: JWG EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) TECH.

ASSISTANCE VISIT - FEBRUARY 13-25

1. SUMMARY, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TEAM VISIT UNDER JWG ON MEDICAL COOPERATION CONCLUDED SUCCESSFULLY WITH SUBMISSION OF PRELIMINARY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO MIN HEALTH. RECOMMENDATIONS FOCUS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS AND IMPROVEMENT OF TRAINING FOR EGYPTIAN EMS PERSONNEL. TWO PILOT EMS PROJECTS LINKING AND INTEGRATING AVAILABLE SERVICES PROPOSED FOR CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA.

2. EMS TEAM (DRS. GEMMA, SALENGER AND CAPT. STEPHANY) WERE VERY WELL RECEIVED BY MIN HEALTH, INCLUDING MTG. WITH MINISTER MOHIE EL-DIN. SCHEDULE DEVELOPED BY GOE WAS COMPLETE AND INCLUDED VISITS TO A SELECTION OF URBAN AND RURAL HOSPITALS AND EMS UNITS IN CAIRO, ALEXANDRIA, ISMALILIA, PORT SAID, ASWAN, QUENA AND ELSEWHERE AS WELL AS VISIT TO MAADI MIL HOSP. TEAM ACCOMPANIED ON VISITS BY DRS. ISMAIL MONIB AND SOBHI FAHMI OF MIN HEALTH. TEAM ALSO TALKED WITH AID DIRECTOR TEMPLETON, NAMRU C.O. CAPT. MINER, SCIATT AND EMB NURSE, WALCOTT.

3. TEAM SUBMITTED PRELIMINARY REPORT TO MIN HEALTH WITH RECOMMENDATIONS IN AREAS OF PLANNING, TRAINING, METHODOLOGY, EMS PILOT PROJECTS, EMS LIBRARY. THE FOLLOWING WERE RECOMMENDED:

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(A) PREPARATION OF A NATIONAL EMS PLAN AND UNIFORM EMS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

(B) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DOT 81 HR. EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICAL TRAINING (EMT) COURSE AS A MINIMUM FOR EMS PERSONNEL. THE COURSE TO BE USED INITIALLY TO TRAIN DOCTORS AND INSTRUCTORS AS CADRE.

(C) USE OF MOBIL TRAINING DETACHMENT CONCEPT WITH EMT COURSE TO INITIATE TWO PILOT TRAINING PROGRAMS. (MIN HEALTH HAS VEHICLES WHICH CAN BE EQUIPPED FOR THIS PURPOSE). TWO US EXPERTS WOULD BE ASSIGNED FOR 3-6 MONTHS TO GIVE INITIAL TRAINING.

(D) US VISIT BY THREE MIN HEALTH PHYSICIANS RESPONSIBLE FOR EMS PROGRAMS TO QUALIFY AS EMT'S, TO OBSERVE EMS OPERATIONS IN URBAN/RURAL AREAS AND ATTEND AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EMS (APR-MAY'76).

(E) DEVELOPMENT OF TWO PILOT EMS PROJECTS, IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA RESPECTIVELY. A DETAILED PLAN TO BE RECOMMENDED FOR EACH AREA LINKING PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL, SELECTED DISTRICT HOSPITALS, COMBINED HEALTH UNITS AND SELECTED RURAL HEALTH UNITS. PILOT PROJECTS TO ADDRESS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT UP GRADING, DEVELOPMENT OF AN EMS COMMUNICATION NETWORK, CATEGORIZATION OF FACILITIES. (SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND EVALUATION METHODOLOGY WILL BE SPELLED OUT IN PROJECT PROPOSAL TO BE DEVELOPED BY DR. GEMMA).

(F) ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMS LIBRARY. THE US TO MAKE EMS LITERATURE AVAILABLE AND SUGGEST INFORMATION FLOW LINKS FOR THE TWO COUNTRIES. (DETAILS OF THE RECOMMENDATION TO BE WORKED OUT BY THE US).

4. AID CAIRO WILLING TO ASSIST IN BRINGING TWO US TRAINING EXPERTS AND PORTABLE DEMONSTRATION EQUIPMENT TO EGYPT AND IN SUPPORTING THE THREE EGYPTIAN PHYSICIANS DURING US TRAINING AND ORIENTATION.
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